



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

DATE: 07/05/2015 TIME: 2:44 P.M. LOCATION: Room 150

MEETING CALLED BY	Hugh Overholt, Vice Chair
BOARD ATTENDEES	Combined ED&IR Committee and FAST Committee Board Members

AGENDA TOPICS

1. APPROVAL OF MAY MEETING MINUTES - VICE CHAIR OVERHOLT	
DISCUSSION SUMMARY	Vice Chair Overholt made a motion to approve the May 2015 ED&IR Committee Meeting minutes, Board Member Blount seconded the motion and Board Member Alexander approved.
ACTIONS TAKEN	Approval of May Meeting Minutes

2. AZIMUTH CHECK – ED&IR	
DISCUSSION SUMMARY	<p>Mr. Overholt asked Sebastian Montagne, NCDOT Staff, to update the committee on recent staff changes charged with supporting the committee as well as providing an overview of committee accomplishments. Mr. Overholt then gave the intent and objectives for the remaining time in session. Beginning with the reasons why the committee was created, Mr. Overholt stated that economic growth required addressing the needs of a diverse set of stakeholders in the state. The inherent complexity in addressing infrastructure support led to the creation of the committee. Mr. Overholt then solicited feedback from other Board of Transportation members on ways to continue to fuel the success of the committee.</p> <p>Board members went around the room offering their recommendations with examples. In many cases, the recommendations were reinforcements of current initiatives and in other cases new topics to address. The following 'Top-10' is a summary their recommendation, in order of attention given by committee members.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. A need to investigate and improve the economy in North Carolina2. Investigate and seeks ways to use the ports in the state as economic catalysts3. Continued observation of military and state cooperation to ensure North Carolina remains the 'most military-friendly state' in the nation4. Seek Department of Agriculture input on ways to enhance the state's agricultural sector5. Develop stronger ties with the newly formed Economic Development Partnership of North



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	<p>Carolina</p> <p>6. Investigate and support the development of megasites across the state</p> <p>7. Seek ways to decrease operational costs for NC businesses related to transportation, especially around major metropolitan centers</p> <p>8. Improve the capabilities of the state's waterways to serve as economic engines</p> <p>9. Focus on the state of North Carolina's tourism and investigate ways to improve the industry</p> <p>10. Improve the Committee's relationship with stakeholders to better address environmental challenges</p>
ACTIONS TAKEN	<p>The summary of the committee's focus and guidance is given to NCDOT staff to refine and for the summaries to be returned to the committee for finalization of action plan.</p>

3. MEETING ADJOURNED	
DISCUSSION SUMMARY	<p>Meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.</p>
ACTIONS TAKEN	